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### Feature



Demonstrators wave Egyptian flags during a protest in support of the Egyptian people, in central Rome, Italy, Monday, Jan. 31, 2011. Demonstrators gathered to rally against Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, in a show of support for protests currently taking place in Egypt. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

### U.S. Response to Political Situation in Egypt

**CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 31, 2011** – The U.S. Department of State continues to monitor the situation in Egypt closely. President Barack Obama called on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to recognize the rights of the Egyptian people. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called on the Egyptian authorities to allow peaceful protests and free communications, including on social media sites, and called on all parties to exercise restraint and refrain from violence. Secretary Clinton stated, “We want to see an orderly transition to a democratic government, to economic reforms – exactly what the protestors are seeking. At the same time, we want to recognize Egypt has been our partner. They’ve been our partner in a peace process that has kept the region from war for over 30 years, which has saved a lot of lives – Egyptian lives, Israeli lives, other lives. We want to continue to make it absolutely an American priority that – what we’ve been saying for 30 years – is that real stability rests in democracy, participation, economic opportunity. How we get from where we are to where we know the Egyptian people want to be and deserve to be is what this is about now. So we are urging the Mubarak government, which is still in power; we are urging the military, which is a very respected institution in Egypt, to do what is necessary to facilitate that kind of orderly transition.” State Department personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo and in the United States are working round-the-clock to ensure the safety of Americans currently in Egypt. Flights to evacuation points began departing Egypt on Monday, January 31. [Full Text](#) | [Remarks on Egypt by Secretary Clinton](#) | [PSA for U.S. Citizens](#) | [Remarks on Egypt by President Obama](#) | [Consular Information for U.S. Citizens in Egypt](#)

# International

## Secretary Clinton Travels to Haiti



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton thanks U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince staff for their work in Haiti, on January 30, 2011. (Kendra Helmer/USAID)

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Jan. 30, 2011** – Secretary of State Hillary Clinton traveled to Haiti on January 30, 2011 to discuss the ongoing electoral situation as well as reconstruction efforts. In addition to meeting with Haitian President Rene Preval, civil society and political leaders, electoral candidates, and the Special Representative of the United Nations. She reviewed the ongoing electoral situation, reconstruction efforts, and visited a cholera treatment clinic. The United States and Haiti are mutually committed to building Haiti anew after the devastating earthquake one year ago, and to ensure a strong future for Haiti's people and its democracy. [Interview With Gerin Alexandre of Caraibes FM](#) | [Interview With Rothchild Francois Jr. of RFM](#) | [Interview With Wendell Theodore of Radio Metropole](#) | [Secretary Clinton Visit to Partners in Health Cholera Treatment Center](#) |

[Secretary Clinton Meets with Embassy Staff](#) | [Secretary Clinton Briefs the Traveling Press](#)

## U.S. Support for the Tunisian People



**TUNIS, Tunisia, Jan. 26, 2011** – Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Jeffrey Feltman traveled to Tunisia January 24-January 26. While there, he met with government officials, political party leaders, and civil society advocates in order to convey U.S. support for the Tunisian people. The United States seeks to be supportive of Tunisia's democratic transition, while recognizing that this is a Tunisian-initiated, Tunisian-led process. Assistant Secretary Feltman discussed ways in which the U.S. can be a constructive partner as Tunisia charts the course toward greater political and social freedoms, works to achieve

transparent, credible and timely elections as its government addresses the underlying political and economic grievances that led to the recent unrest. [U.S. Support for Free, Fair and Inclusive Elections in Tunisia](#) | [Secretary Clinton's Call to Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi](#) | [Press Statement by Secretary Clinton on the Recent Events in Tunisia](#)

## Voting Concludes on Southern Sudan Referendum



**WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 26, 2011** – Sudanese Foreign Minister Ahmen Ali Karti met with Secretary Clinton in Washington to discuss the future of U.S.-Sudan cooperation following the Southern Sudan referendum. The recent voting on the referendum marked a significant achievement for the Sudanese people and a historic step toward full implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement. "The United States commends the millions of Southern Sudanese people who participated in this historic

process, and applauds both northern and southern leaders for creating conditions that allowed voters to cast their ballots freely and without fear, intimidation, or coercion," Secretary Clinton said. Voting took place in Southern Sudan, January 9-15, to determine whether to remain a part of a united Sudan or become an independent sovereign state.

[Remarks by Secretary Clinton and Sudanese Foreign Minister Ahmen Ali Karti](#) | [Sudan Remarks by Ambassador Rice](#) | [More on Sudan](#)

## Secretary Clinton's Visit to Mexico

**GUANAJUATO, Mexico, Jan. 24, 2011** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton travelled to Mexico at the invitation of Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa on Monday, January 24, 2011. Secretary of State Clinton and Secretary Espinosa met in Guanajuato to discuss key issues that the United States and Mexico face individually and as partners, including joint cooperation to combat organized crime, strengthening the competitiveness of our two economies, modernizing the border between our countries and advancing the global climate change agenda after the Cancun Summit. The United States and Mexico share many opportunities and challenges and work collaboratively on a wide range of issues. This visit was an opportunity to reinforce the close relations between the two nations and to identify common objectives and strategies to ensure greater security and well-being for the citizens of both countries. [More on Secretary Clinton's Trip](#) | [Secretary Clinton's Opening Remarks With Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa \(with interpretation\)](#) | [State Department's Country Page on Mexico](#)

## What Does 2011 Hold for Africa?

**WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 19, 2011** – U.S. policy in Africa for 2011 was the topic of a press briefing held at the Washington Foreign Press Center by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Bruce Wharton. Wharton explained that the five pillars of the Obama Administration's policy towards Africa, originally outlined in a 2009 speech by President Obama, remain very much the focus for the coming year. "For too long, Africa and the United States have had a sort of a client/donor relationship that has not worked well," Wharton said, "so this Administration is looking for new models to do business...rather than simply designing a development package here in Washington and then taking it wrapped in a nice ribbon and offering it to people in other parts of the world, we go first to people in other parts of the world and say, 'What is it that you're doing that seems to be working, and how can we support that? How can we be partners with you in that?'" [Full Text](#) | [More about U.S.- Africa Relations](#) | [Foreign Press Center](#)

# Inside the Beltway

## Foreign Policy in the State of The Union Address

**WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 25, 2011** –In his State of the Union Address, President Barack Obama outlined several areas of foreign policy of particular importance to Americans. "Our success in this new and changing world will require reform, responsibility, and innovation. It will also require us to approach that world with a new level of engagement in our foreign affairs," the President said. [Read More](#) | [State of The Union 2011](#) | [2011 Foreign Policy Priorities](#)

## Chinese President Hu Jintao Visits Washington



**WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 19, 2011** - Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived for an official state visit, which included meetings with President Obama and cabinet members, and a state dinner at the White House. In his remarks at the state dinner, President Obama emphasized the shared values of the United States and China, saying "We have met today in a spirit of mutual respect: the United States -- the oldest democracy in the world, and China -- one of the oldest civilizations in the world. And while it's easy to focus on our differences of culture and perspective, let us never forget the values that our people share: a reverence for family; the belief that, with education and hard work and with sacrifice, the future is what we make it; and most of all, the desire to give our children a better life." [Full Text](#) | [Photos](#) | [More on U.S.- China Relations](#)

# Global Issues Affecting the Nation

## Director of Policy Planning Discusses QDDR at Johns Hopkins SAIS

**WASHINGTON, D.C. , Jan. 27, 2011** – Dr. Anne-Marie Slaughter, Director of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State, met with students and faculty at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) to discuss the release of the first Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR). Ms. Slaughter outlined the important role civilians play in advancing global interests, noting, “The first way we have to engage the world is through civilian power. The QDDR is called ‘Leading through Civilian Power.’ It says up front that the first face of American power has to be our diplomats and our development professionals, supported by and often in partnership with our military, but nevertheless, the first face has to be civilian.” [Remarks](#) | [More information on the QDDR](#) | [A Conversation with America: Leading Through Civilian Power - The First QDDR](#)



Dr. Anne Marie Slaughter speaks to students and faculty on 1/27 at Johns Hopkins University.

## First Lady Michelle Obama Promotes 100,000 Strong Initiative



**WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 19, 2011** – First Lady Michelle Obama delivered remarks to Howard University students on the 100,000 Strong Initiative, a national effort designed to increase and diversify the number of American students studying in China. In her address, she announced \$3.25 million in private funding to support the initiative and two pilot programs targeting community colleges and a DC public high school. She encouraged students by saying, “Studying abroad isn’t just an important part of a well-rounded educational experience. It’s also becoming increasingly important for success in the modern global economy. Getting ahead in today’s workplaces isn’t just about the skills you bring from the classroom. It’s also about the experience you have with the world beyond our borders -- with people, and languages, and cultures that are very different from our own.” [Remarks](#) | [100,000 Strong Initiative](#) | [Office of Academic Exchanges](#)

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